REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 17-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-16 were cancelled as these claims are the subject of copending U.S. patent application No. 09/945,973.

The present application is a divisional of U.S. patent application No. 09/945,973 and has been filed to continue prosecution of claims 17-20, which were withdrawn from consideration in the noted parent application. No new matter was added.

Respectfully submitted,

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